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W.P.A. No. 23207 of 2022

**Mehejan Bibi Mondal
Versus
State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Atis Kumar Biswas,
Mr. Amit Singh,
Ms. Jyoti Agarwal.

...For the petitioner.

Mr. Sabyasachi Chatterjee,
Mr. Omr Faruk Gazi.

...For the petitioner
in W.P.A. No. 27643 of 2022.

THE FUNCTIONING OF CCTV CAMERAS IN

POLICE STATIONS IN WEST BENGAL -

The Director General and Inspector General of Police, West Bengal, Manoj Malaviya, has filed a report before this Court dated 13th January, 2023 indicating that a status report has been called for from all Commissioners of Police and Superintendents of Police and Superintendents of Railway Police on 20th December, 2022 of the functioning of CCTV Cameras in Police Stations under them should be produced by 5th January, 2023.

It is further reported that by a further letter dated 07.01.2023 all non-functional CCTV Cameras in all Police Stations in West Bengal must be rectified before 7th January, 2023. A list of functional and non-functional CCTV Cameras in each of the Police Stations in West Bengal has been produced with the report.

The Director General and Inspector General of Police, West Bengal shall ensure that, by the returnable date, each and every CCTV Camera in each and every Police station in the State of West Bengal shall remain functional, all the non-functional ones are either to be replaced or rectified.

The Director General and Inspector General of Police, West Bengal shall submit a report of compliance to this effect by the adjourned date. Strict action shall be taken against all the Commissioners and Superintendents of Police by the Director General and Inspector General of Police, West Bengal for any non-functional CCTV Cameras in any of the Police Station in the State, henceforth.

The Director General and Inspector General of Police, West Bengal shall receive assistance from Criminal Investigation Department, West Bengal and the Ministry of Home Affairs, to independently verify the functionality of each CCTV cameras in each Police Station. A weekly report shall be obtained by the DGP in this regard from the Commissioners/Superintendents of Police and Superintendent of Railway Police, West Bengal of the functionality of all the CCTV Cameras in each and every Police Stations in the State henceforth.

The report of the Additional Chief Secretary, Home and Hill Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal is in furtherance of the report of the

Director General and Inspector General of Police, West Bengal.

This Court entrusts the responsibility on both the Additional Chief Secretary, Home and Hill Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal and the Director General and Inspector General of Police, West Bengal, namely, Bhagwati Prasad Gopalika and Manoj Malaviya respectively and their successors in office for compliance of the aforesaid order.

THE REPORT OF THE SP, KRISHNANAGAR-

The second report of the Superintendent of Police, Krishnagar Police District dated 16th January, 2023 filed in Court today be taken on record.

Let a copy of this report be made available to the Counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Sabyasachi Chatterjee, Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner in W.P.A. No. 27643 of 2022.

Exception taken by the Counsel for the petitioner to the earlier report of the Superintendent of Police, Krishnagar Police District is also taken on record.

Let a copy of the same be made available to the representative of the SP, Krishnagar Police District.

Exception may be taken to the second report.

The Officer-in-charge, Thanarpara Police Station shall ensure that the petitioner is able to enter into her residence and live there at peace.

The petitioners in both the cases shall cooperate with any investigation in connection with any FIR in which they are the accused persons.

List the two writ petitions on 2nd February, 2023 under the same heading.

All parties are directed to act on a server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.

(Rajasekhar Mantha, J.)